

## Place No. 46 Roe's House



Remains of Roe's House, 2012

LOCATION	
Name of Place	Stone Ruin (Hampton Street)
Other Name (1)	Roe's House
Other Name (2)	
Location/Address	
Street Number	Lot 53
Street Name	Queen Street/Hampton Street
Suburb/Town	Roebourne
Other Locational descriptor (text)	514910 mE, 7702530 mN (MGA94 Zone 50) Longitude:117.1433 Latitude: -20.777

OWNERSHIP & LAND DESCRIPTION				
Owner	Address	Phone/fax	Status	Item No.
Uniting Church	10 Pier St, Perth 600			
Reserve No.	Lot/Location No.	Plan/Diagram	Vol/Folio	Item No.
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LISTING AND ASSESSMENT	
HCWA Reference Number	2333
State Register of Heritage Places:(Y/N)	No
Classified by the National Trust (Y/N)	No
Register of the National Estate (Y/N)	No
Local Town Planning Scheme (Y/N)	Yes
<b>Management Category</b>	<b>C</b>

DESCRIPTION	
Construction Date (1)	1887
Construction Date (2)	
Site Type (Place Type)	Individual Building or Group
<b>Use(s) of Place</b>	
<i>Original</i>	FARMING\PASTORAL: Homestead

<i>Present</i>	VACANT/UNUSED: Vacant/Unused - Ruin
<i>Other</i>	
<b>Construction Materials:</b>	
<i>Walls</i>	9. STONE
<i>Roof</i>	6. METAL 699 Other metal
<i>Other</i>	
Condition	Ruin
Integrity (how much of the original fabric is intact?):	
<b>Physical Description</b>	
<p>This building that was once a handsome spacious stone villa with a corrugated iron roof and surrounded by broad verandahs, is today a ruin, with no roof and some of the walls standing. The layout was of a similar style to that of the other significant stone building in the Hampton Street precinct.</p> <p>The walls were made of local stone and rendered with a course conglomerate. Built into one wall was a bottle and wine glass chipped from stone and worked into the stone work. <sup>1</sup> At some stage following the initial construction, internal walls were built of concrete bricks, possibly of local construction.</p>	
<b>History</b>	
<p>This house was built for Augustus Sanford Roe, the son of Surveyor General Septimus J Roe, in approximately 1887. He was a prominent resident of Roebourne, involved in pearling, shipping and commerce in the north west. He later became resident magistrate and a supreme court judge.</p> <p>After Mr Roe left Roebourne for Perth, the house was bought by the Sholl brothers and was the homestead building for Weeriana Station before it was transferred to the Stove family in 1913. The Stoves changed the name of the station to Mt Welcome and moved to the present Mt Welcome homestead. Augustus Roe became a Police Magistrate of Perth. He died in 1921 and was buried in Karrakatta.<sup>2</sup></p>	
<b>Archaeology</b>	
<p>There is the potential for archaeologically significant information to be recovered from this site in relation to the use of the structure over time by different prominent members of the local society.</p>	

<b>SIGNIFICANCE</b>	
<b>Historic theme (s)</b>	6. PEOPLE 604 Local heroes & battlers
<b>Statement of Significance:</b>	
<p>The ruin is historically significant as a result of its link with the Roe and Sholl families, and thus the well preserved law and order precinct in Roebourne. It is an example of early stone built architectural styles within the town and the west Pilbara. It is a rare example of a domestic residence from the early colonial period.</p>	

<b>ASSOCIATIONS</b>	
Architect/Designer (1)	
Architect/Designer (2)	
Other Associated Person(s)	

<b>OTHER</b>
<b>References</b>

National Trust Assessment Information  
 Roebourne Museum

Taylor, N.E.W, 1986, Yeera-Muk-A-Doo , A Social history of the First Settlement of North West Australia told through the Withnell and Hancock Families 1861-90.

MHI 1996	Site assessed, Place Name Record created
MHI Review 2012	Entry updated



Remains of chimney and fireplace in Roe's House , 2012

<sup>1</sup> Taylor, N.E.W, 1986, Yeera-Muk-A-Doo , A Social history of the First Settlement of North West Australia told through the Withnell and Hancock Families 1861-90.

<sup>2</sup> The West Australian 17/3/1921